

In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 16-529V

Filed: August 29, 2016

UNPUBLISHED

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LIANNA ROBERTS, \*
Petitioner, \* Ruling on Entitlement; Concession;
v. \* Influenza ("Flu"); Shoulder Injury
\* Related to Vaccine Administration
SECRETARY OF HEALTH \* ("SIRVA"); Special Processing
AND HUMAN SERVICES, \* Unit ("SPU")
\*
Respondent. \*

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Ronald C. Homer, Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, P.C., Boston, MA, for petitioner.
Christine Becer, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

RULING ON ENTITLEMENT1

Dorsey, Chief Special Master:

On April 29, 2016, petitioner filed a petition for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program, 42 U.S.C. §300aa-10, et seq.,2 (the "Vaccine Act"). Petitioner alleges that as a result of a November 7, 2014 influenza ("flu") vaccination, she suffered a shoulder injury related to vaccine administration ("SIRVA"). Petition at 1. The case was assigned to the Special Processing Unit of the Office of Special Masters.

On August 29, 2016, respondent filed her Rule 4(c) report in which she concedes that petitioner is entitled to compensation in this case. Respondent's Rule 4(c) Report at 1. Specifically, respondent concluded that a preponderance of evidence establishes that the injury to petitioner's left shoulder was caused-in-fact by the administration of her November 7, 2014 flu vaccination. Id. at 3. Respondent further agrees that petitioner's

1 Because this unpublished ruling contains a reasoned explanation for the action in this case, the undersigned intends to post it on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2012) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), petitioner has 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. If, upon review, the undersigned agrees that the identified material fits within this definition, the undersigned will redact such material from public access.

2 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-660, 100 Stat. 3755. Hereinafter, for ease of citation, all "§" references to the Vaccine Act will be to the pertinent subparagraph of 42 U.S.C. § 300aa (2012).

left shoulder injury is compensable as a “caused-in-fact” injury under the Vaccine Act.  
*Id.*

**In view of respondent’s concession and the evidence before me, the undersigned finds that petitioner is entitled to compensation.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**s/Nora Beth Dorsey**

Nora Beth Dorsey  
Chief Special Master